

### REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 17, 2008. Claims 1-32, 37-40, 42-50, and 53-86 and 93-97 remain pending. Claims 41 and 87-92 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 11, 13-15, 20, 23, 26, 28, 33, 37, 42, 43, 53, 55, 62, 65, 69, 71, 73, 74, 76, 79, and 93 are in independent form.

The Examiner is thanked for allowing Claims 1-32, 37-40, 42, 43-50, 53-81, and 93-97.

Claim 41 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,657,983 (*Surazski et al.*) in view of U.S. Patent 6,219,352 (*Bonomi et al.*) and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006-0153147 (*Chillariga et al.*). Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, and merely to expedite allowance of the present application, Claim 41 has been canceled, thereby rendering its rejection under Section 103(a) moot.

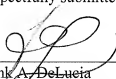
Claims 87-92 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,385,198 (*Ofek et al.*), and Claim 90 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ofek et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,721,290 (*Kondylis et al.*) Without conceding the propriety of these rejections, and merely to expedite allowance of the present application, Claims 87-92 have been canceled, thereby rendering their rejection moot.

Only allowed claims remain.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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